GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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Definition of Electrification of Villages
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the assessment of the Government about the number of villages which have been electrified in the country;

(b) the definition of electrified village;

(c) the percentage of houses of any village in which electric connection is needed and the minimum hours of supply and utilisation of power, as per the definition;

(d) whether the Government are contemplating to include such criteria in the definition of an electrified village if they have not been prescribed till now; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) : As reported by the States, there were 18,452 un-electrified villages in the country as on 01.04.2015; of these, 14,080 un-electrified census villages have been electrified up to 31.07.2017.

(b) & (c) : According to Rural Electrification Policy 2006, "A village is declared electrified" if:

i) Basic infrastructure such as Distribution Transformer and Distribution Lines are provided in the inhabited locality as well as the Dalit Basti/hamlet where it exists .

ii) Electricity is provided to public places like schools, Panchayat Office, Health Centres, Dispensaries, Community Centres etc. and

iii) The number of households electrified should be at least 10% of the total number of households in the village.

(d) & (e) : Government of India, in association with State Governments/Union Territories, has prepared a roadmap for 24x7 Power for all households/homes, industrial & commercial consumers and adequate supply of power to agricultural consumers as per State policy, in a phased manner, by 2021-22.

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